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D. Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Cap.

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C. Massana, Port, Natural Sweet, White Seal Cap.
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HONGKONG, MAY 5th, 1884.

THE DAILY PRESS.

The petition to the House of Commons with reference to the constitution of the Legislative Council has been published, and may now be criticised in detail. As remarked in a previous article, written when we only had before us the general purport of the petition, there is no reason why it should not be signed by all who hold the view that greater effect should be given to local views in the control of the affairs of the Colony, even though they think the precise form of relief prayed for is not the best. The petition will at all events open up the whole question and prepare the way for reform of some kind. At least we hope it will, though the usual fate of petitions to the House of Commons is never to be heard of again. Presumably it is on the best legal advice that the petition is being addressed to that body instead of to Her Majesty or the Secretary of State for the Colonies, but the reasons for the choice that has been made do not at once suggest themselves. The House of Commons has never hitherto concerned itself with the constitution of Hongkong, the only Act of Parliament passed having special reference to the Colony, so far as our memory serves us, being the Chinese Emigration Act. The original charter of the Colony was granted by Her Majesty in Council, and this was revoked by Letters Patent, Her Majesty being "induced to make" the provision for the Government of our "said Colony." Any further change that may be made in the constitution of the Colony must be effected by the same means, and it may be done without the intervention of Parliament. Petitions to the House of Commons are referred to the Committee on Public Petitions, under whose direction they are classified, analysed, and, when necessary, printed at length. The reports of this Committee are printed three times a week, and point out, under classified heads, not only the name of each petition, but the number of signatures, the general object of every petition, and the total number of petitions and signatures in reference to each subject. The Hongkong petition will as a matter of course be referred to in this report, and may perhaps be deemed worthy of being printed at length, but there the matter will end unless some member moves a resolution on the subject. With the pressure of business in the House it is doubtful whether an opportunity for the discussion of such a resolution could be obtained, or whether, if the subject got placed on the orders of the day, it would be possible to keep a sufficient number of members in the House to prevent a count-out. We must trust to the efforts of the Colonial Party to secure full and adequate discussion of the question, but we fear the attitude of the average member of the House will be one of indifference, that he will look upon the matter as one that may be left to the Colonial Office. But the Secretary of State, unless he has the matter brought directly to his notice, will do nothing. If a mistake has been made, however, in addressing the House of Commons it means nothing more serious than the loss of a little time and trouble, for if nothing comes of the present petition, another couched in similar terms can be addressed to Her Majesty, and the Colonial Office will then be compelled to take it into consideration. There is another point in connection with the appeal to the House of Commons which may perhaps be mentioned, and that is the danger that if the House really bent upon the consideration of the question, they would be disposed to give us rather more than we want. Sir CHARLES DILLON, one of the prominent members of the Colonial Party, in his "Problems of Greater Britain," deprecates what he calls "Plaster Parliaments" for the West Indies and other places, the claims of the negro democracy. It is just possible that the advanced Radicals will be disposed to give Chinese democracy a trial in this Colony. We do not think the idea is a very real one, but we know it has weighed with some who have considered the question.

It is recognised in the petition that a Colony so peculiarly situated on the borders of a great Oriental Empire, and with a population largely composed of aliens whose traditions and family interests and racial sympathies largely remain in that neighbourhood, Empire, special legislation and guardianship are required. Having regard to the Imperial position of a Colony which is at once a frontier fortress and a naval depot, the head-quarters of Her Majesty's fleet, and the base for naval and military operations in these Far Eastern waters, it is not expected that unrestricted power should be given to any local legislature, or that the Queen's Government could ever give up the paramount control of this important dependency. All the petitioners claim is the common right of Englishmen to manage their local affairs and control the expenditure of the colony where imperial considerations are not involved. This we consider, could best be secured by the establishment of a Municipal Council, but an alteration in the constitution of the Legislative Council will go some distance in the same direction and is worthy of cordial support. If there is a general agreement that greater local control in the management of the affairs of the Colony is desirable minor differences as to the precise form in which that control is to be exercised may well be allowed to sink. What the petition specifically asks for is the free election of representatives of British nationality to the Legislative Council of the colony, a majority in the Council of such elected representatives, perfect freedom of debate

for the official members, with power to elect according to their own discretion, without being liable to account to any body, and to be elected by the people, complete control in the Council over local expenditure, the management of local affairs, and a consultative voice in questions of an Imperial character. The request is reasonable and ought to be granted without hesitation. The power of the Queen in Council to make laws for the Colony, and the fact that all local laws are subject to disallowance by Her Majesty on the recommendation of Her Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies afford sufficient protection against corruption or abuse. The only fault we have to find with the reform asked for is that it gives the Legislature no executive control over the officials, such as would be exercised by a Municipal Council.

The P. & O. steamer, *Matilda* left Bombay for this port on the 3rd inst.

The end of the *Shropshire* L. I. will play at the Ladies' Recreation Club on Monday, at 4.30 p.m.

H. H. R. M. Brooks arrived at Singapore by the last French mail, and was to leave for Starbuck on the 28th inst.

The dividend of 10 per cent. on the shares of the Jelaba Mining and Trading Co., Limited, is now payable at the Chartered Bank.

Inspector Quincey on Friday night raided a gambling den at No. 81 D'Almeida Street and arrested several men.

The body of a European, about 30 years of age, reputedly drowned, which was found floating in the harbour on Thursday, has not yet been identified. The deceased was wearing a blue suit and a hat.

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H.K.C.C. LAWN TENNIS HANDICAP.
Final for D Class Singles.
Mackay beat Sholl 6-1, 4-4, 6-4, 1-4, 8-6.
O. M. Firth and P. M. Firth beat E. W. Mackintosh and N. W. Firth 6-3, 6-4, 6-6.

"FRANCONIA" AT THE CITY HALL.
Another large and highly appreciative audience filled the Theatre last night to witness the presentation of *Francion* by the "Francion" troupe. The play is a comedy in three acts, and is a very good one. The audience was very much amused by the play, and the actors were very well received.

The body of a European, about 30 years of age, reputedly drowned, which was found floating in the harbour on Thursday, has not yet been identified. The deceased was wearing a blue suit and a hat.

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